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MOSLEM CONFERENCE--A representative of the Neo-Destour Party and HUSAYN AL-HUDAYBI, president of the Egyptian Moslem brotherhood movement, have accepted invitations to participate in the congress of the "popular Moslem organization" which has been called for May 9 in Karachi by KHALI QUEZZAMAM, promoter for the Islamic or Islamistan bloc. Khali Quzzamam announced the news Apr. 4 adding that 50 delegates of all the Middle and Near Eastern countries would participate in the congress together with 400 Pakistan delegates. (Paris, AFP, Radioteletype, Apr. 4, 1952, 1623 GMT--H)

A delegation of the proposed Moslem people's organization is scheduled to leave for Indonesia on Apr. 4. Similar delegations are also leaving for Iraq, Iran, and Turkey within the next 10 days. A delegation has already left for Egypt. (Karachi, English, Apr. 4, 1952, 1230 GMT--B)

INDONESIAN SUGGESTION--The leader of the Indonesian Masjumi Party, Dr. MOHAMMED NATSIR, now on a visit to Pakistan, has called for the pooling of Moslem intellect in a brain trust to solve the problems facing not only the Moslem countries, but the whole of humanity. Speaking at a function in Karachi Apr. 7, he suggested the setting up of an international Islamic organization which could remain in permanent session to tackle problems relating to economic, political, social, and cultural affairs. In an interview later, Natsir said since his arrival in Pakistan he had felt completely at home. He did not feel a stranger nor was he treated like one. (Karachi, English, Apr. 8, 1952, 0230 GMT--B)

EAST BENGAL ELECTION--The strength of the new East Bengal Assembly to be elected on adult franchise toward the end of this year or early next year, will be raised to 309. This is contained in a bill published in the GAZETTE EXTRAORDINARY of the Pakistan Government. The bill proposes to give separate electorates to scheduled castes and Buddhists. Some 38 seats will be reserved for scheduled castes, 2 for Buddhists, one for Pakistani Christians, and 12 for women. The bill is designed to prepare the way for the holding of general elections in East Bengal and to do away with special constituencies for representatives of commerce, industry, mining, landlord, labor, and the universities. The total number of Moslem seats in the Constituent Assembly will be 237. (Karachi, English, Apr. 5, 1952, 1230 GMT--B)

TENANT EJECTIONS--The district magistrates of Lahore and Sheikhpura have issued orders directing landlords not to eject any tenants from agricultural land within the district. The Lahore representative said this action has been taken under Sec. 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code following reports of wrongful ejection of tenants by landlords. The orders will remain in force for 2 months. (Karachi, English, Apr. 4, 1952, 1230 GMT--B)

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KHWAJA NAZIMUDDIN, Premier of Pakistan and President of the Moslem League, stated in a lecture that public opinion must be given the opportunity to express itself within the framework of the Moslem League. The Premier stressed the necessity of reorganizing the Moslem League into a political and social organization. He suggested that members of the Moslem League should act as a liaison between the Government and the people. The Premier's talk is considered a reaffirmation of the Moslem League's belief that political forces must unite. (Paris, Arabic, Mar. 10, 1952, 1215 GMT--H)

BALUCHISTAN REFUGEES--The branch of the Financial Committee for the Rehabilitation of Refugees has loaned over 100,000 rupees to aid in the settlement of refugee artisans and traders in Baluchistan. Pakistan's Central Committee for the Rehabilitation of Refugees allocated 250,000 rupees last year and 500,000 rupees so far this year for the same purpose. (Karachi, Burmese, Mar. 9, 1952, 1300 GMT--B)

PAKHTOONS CLASH--According to the Kabul radio, a clash took place between the Pakhtoons and the Pakistanis in Kurram Agency of the Pakistan Frontier Province. Some Pakistanis had captured a house in a village. After a short engagement the Pakhtoons burned the house. (Delhi, Mar. 10, 1952, 1100 GMT--B)

LABOR CONFERENCE--The third session of the Pakistan Tripartite Labor Conference ended in Dacca Mar. 9. The conference discussed the trade union amendment bill designed to give increased bargaining capacity to women by making their recognition compulsory. The bill will also prohibit unfair practices both by the employers and workers. The conference also discussed the question of reducing the number of outsiders on the executive of a recognized trade union. (Karachi, English, Mar. 10, 1952, 0230 GMT--H)

ENVOY RESIGNATION--The Government has accepted the resignation of MIAN BASHIR AHMAD as Pakistan Ambassador to Turkey. Mian Bashir Ahmad returned to Pakistan on leave last November. He has informed the Government of his inability to resume his duties on account of urgent personal affairs. (Karachi, English, Mar. 10, 1952, 0230 GMT--B)

DACCA ARRESTS--The Dacca police have arrested eight persons who were stranded following the recent disturbances in the city. (Karachi, English Mar. 10, 1952 0230 GMT--B)

BENGALI STUDIES--The East Bengal Government has decided to introduce Bengali as a compulsory subject for non-Bengali students from the fourth class, effective immediately. (Karachi, English, Mar. 8, 1952, 0230 GMT--B)

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GHULAM MOHAMMED, the Governor General, arrived in Peshawar by air Mar. 5 from Karachi on his first official visit to the Frontier Province as head of the State. (Karachi, English, Mar. 5, 1952, 1230 GMT--B)

MAJLIS DISSOLVED--The Amir of Bahawalpur has dissolved the State Majlis in preparation for the general elections under the new Constitution. The existing Minister will continue in office until the formation of a new Ministry after the elections. (Karachi, English, Mar. 5, 1952, 1230 GMT--B)

INDUSTRIES FAIR--In a short while the Prime Minister will open the Pakistan International Industries Fair in Karachi. Fourteen countries have pavilions displaying their industrial products. They are Pakistan, the Chinese People's Republic, Czechoslovakia, Britain, France, Germany, Poland, Austria, Hungary, Finland, Spain, Syria, Yugoslavia, and Vietnam. (Karachi, English, Mar. 5, 1952, 1230 GMT--B)

COMPULSORY TEACHING--During question hour in the Punjab Assembly Mar. 4, the Education Minister, ABDUL HAMID DASTI, told the house that as a step toward basing the educational system on Islamic lines, the Government had made the teachings of (Jinyat) compulsory in all primary and middle school classes. The Parliamentary secretary to the chief Minister suggested to the Government that it amend the Punjab Safety Act. He added that the time had come when the Provincial Government should take the necessary steps in this direction. (Karachi, English, Mar. 5, 1952, 0230 GMT--B)

DACCA INCIDENT--The East Bengal Government has denied reports that there had been demonstrations at places other than Dacca. The incident in Dacca did not affect the friendly relations between the Hindus and Moslems or Bengalis and non-Bengalis. The official number killed in the firing is five, including three students. (Karachi, English, Mar. 5, 1952, 0230 GMT--B)

KARIM BHAI IBRAHIM, president of the Refugees Welfare Organization, died in Karachi Mar. 4. Before the partition of India, he was a member of the All-India Moslem League's working committee. He became a member of the Bombay Legislative Assembly in 1937. (Karachi, Urdu, Mar. 5, 1952, 1240 GMT--B)

THE DACC CURFEW order which was imposed on Feb. 23 will be lifted Mar. 5. (Dacca, Urdu, Mar. 5, 1952, 1250 GMT--B)

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KHWAJA NAZIMUDDIN, president of the Pakistan Moslem League, has reinstated two members of the Bahawapur Moslem League. He has decided this on the recommendation by a committee appointed to inquire into their cases. (Karachi, Urdu, Mar. 5, 1952, 0245 GMT--B)

PAKISTAN DESTROYERS--Two Pakistan destroyers, which visited Burma for 4 days, are on their way to East Pakistan. (Karachi, Burmese, Mar. 4, 1952, 1330 GMT--B)

THE COTTON CROP in the Punjab last year was 20 percent below the average for the past 10 years. This was disclosed during the question hour in the Punjab Assembly by the Agriculture Minister, SUFI ABDUL HAMEED. He said this drop was due to damage by droughts. In reply to another question, he said the price of wheat was now on a downward trend.

SARDAR ABDUL HAMID DASTI, Education Minister, says the Government has decided to take over the degree college for girls in Gujrat during the next financial year. At present, this college is run as a private institution. (Karachi, English, Mar. 4, 1952, 1230 GMT--B)

PRICE SUPPORTS--The Pakistan Government has decided to introduce a cotton price support scheme which will insure a price in Karachi of 90 rupees per maund for cotton designated as 289-F roller ginned, fully good. The cotton board has been authorized to buy cotton in Karachi at this price to stabilize the cotton market. The scheme will be in operation in this cotton season, according to a press note released in Karachi this evening. (Karachi, English, Mar. 1, 1952, 1530 GMT -B)

LAND CLAIMS--Up to the end of last month, the Punjab Government had verified 1,074,000 claims for land out of 1,084,000. This leaves a balance of only 10,000 claims. Up to this period, permanent resettlement was made on 6,864 estates involving a total evacuee area of more than 783,000 acres. (Karachi, English, Feb. 29, 1952, 0230 GMT--B)